

SUFFOLK COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

423 Griffing Avenue

Riverhead, New York 11901

June 13, 2019

Board of Director's in attendance:

Rob Carpenter, Chairman - Grange/Farm Bureau
Legislator Al Krupski, Legislative District 1 –Treasurer
Legislator Robert Calarco, Legislative District 7
Phil Schmitt – Farm Community Representative
Brian Culhane – Member at Large – unable to attend

Staff and Organizations in attendance:

Ann Marie Calabro – SWCD Staff
Susan Odell-Pepe-SWCD Staff
Corey Humphrey – SWCD District Manager
Kaitlin Shahinian – SWCD Staff
Sharon Frost – SWCD Staff
Deborah Aller – S.C. Cornell Cooperative Extension

- Chairman R. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
- Chairman R. Carpenter declared a quorum. Four out of the five members were in attendance. Brian Culhane was unable to attend the meeting.
- The draft minutes of the May 9, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Motion made by P. Schmitt to accept the May 9, 2019 minutes, seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report presented by S. Odell-Pepe

- The June 13, 2019 Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to accept the June 13, 2019 Treasurer's Report as read; seconded by P. Schmitt; none opposed; motion carried.

District Report presented by District Manager C. Humphrey

- Suffolk County 2020 SWC Operating Budget due June 26, 2019.
- Agriculture Mixing Facility – a participant in the program has started the construction for their approved agriculture mixing facility.
- 2019 Farm Tire Recycling
- 2020 Nassau/Suffolk Envirothon
- NRCS Training Opportunities of SWCD Staff

1. Active Grants:

- a. Agrochemical Mixing Facilities
- b. Agriculture Non-Point Source Grants
 - i. Fuel Tank Replacements Rd 20, 21, 22, 24
 - ii. Integrated Pest Management & Sprayer Retrofits Rd 20
 - iii. Nutrient Management Planning Rd. 21
 - iv. Nutrient Recycling (ebb and flow system) Rd. 24
- c. NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Projects
 - i. 2017 South Harbor Road Remediation
- d. Deer Exclusion Fencing Agricultural Environmental Planning (multiyear)
- e. Resource Conservation Partnership Program (R.C.P.P.)
- f. Environmental Protection Fund (E.P.F.)
- g. Soil Health Testing
- h. Soil Health Equipment Loan Program (Soil H.E.L.P.)

2. Municipal Assistance

- On a regular basis the District receives technical assistance requests from the public in addition to several I & E requests from municipalities such as the Town of Southold, Sound Beach Community and the others. On average, the District receives between 3-5 requests per month to inventory and evaluate resource concerns associated with a specific project.

3. Staff Training, Planner Certification

- Over the next months, District staff will participate in several intense trainings. These trainings provide opportunities for staff to earn credit towards becoming a NRCS Certified Planner as well as prepare them to provide technical assistance to Suffolk County. Training topics include Prescribed Grazing, NRCS Toolkit, and NRCS NY Guide to Developing Conservation Plans among others.

Motion made by P. Schmitt to accept the District Report; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.

USDA - NRCS Field Office Report – Liz Camps – Unable to attend

Legislative Report presented by Legislator A. Krupski and Legislator R. Calarco

- Attended the June P.E.P. meeting on C.C.M.P. and critical land protection strategy.
- Fuel Tank Replacement Program discussion continued on revision to District outreach to the farming community.

L.I.C.A.P. Representative update presented by Brian Culhane

- B. Culhane was unable to attend June 13, 2019 board meeting. The next L.I.C.A.P. meeting will be held on June 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and there will be a discussion on the water monitoring program.

C.C.E. - Ag. Stewardship Report presented by Deborah Aller

- On June 29, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. L.I.H.R.E.C. is holding a Public Open House.

For more information please visit the Suffolk County C.C.E. Website at ccesuffolk.org.

- On July 31, 2019 L.I.H.R.E.C. is holding a Long Island Plant Science Day and barbecue. Tours and demonstrations will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration for the afternoon begins at 3:30 p.m. Following the tours at 6:00 p.m. will be a barbecue and the cost is \$45.00 per person. For more information please visit the Suffolk County C.C.E. Website at ccesuffolk.org.
- Looking to start Legislative Tours. Have a tour set up for July 2019.
On August 13, 2019 and August 14, 2019 there will be a Long Island Tree Fruit Tour and Cornell University Specialists will be joining the tour.
- Looking to set up Soil Health Field Days for August/September 2019. Dates to be announced. The focus will be on cover crop demonstrations and soil health pastures.
- All agriculture programs are active with plantings
- Ag. Stewardship Program assisted the District with Fuel Tank Program publicity. Posted on Suffolk County C.C.E. social media platforms.
- Ag. Stewardship has active pour through projects with the Nursery Industry to better optimize fertilization of container pots. Currently 7 nurseries are participating in the project.
- Awarded a North East S.A.R.E. Grant pertaining to working with Bio Char to improve nutrient in water retention for nursery field and container production on a variety of different crops.
- Awarded a Nursery & Landscape Association Grant will be holding a field day demonstration on reducing spray cover in nursery crops. Tentatively scheduled for the end of August.
- Partnering with American Farmland Trust to do a soil health project. There will be onsite farm demonstrations on controlled released nitrogen fertilizer.

Chairman's Report presented by R. Carpenter

- Soil Health Equipment Lease Program – discussion on machine storage, cleaning, maintenance, and additional insurance coverage above and beyond the Suffolk County coverage.
- Motion made by P. Schmitt to request the District to look into obtaining an additional insurance policy for the Soil Health Equipment Lease Program to indemnify the S.C. S.W.C.D with a limit up to \$3,000; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.
- The C.C.E. Ag. District Program is going through its process. Recently attended the May 2019 and June 12, 2019 C.E.Q. meeting which I serve as a member. A lengthy discussion has been on going about an underwater land parcel in the Town of Brookhaven. At the June 12, 2019 C.E.Q. board approved the application going forward as a negative declaration for S.E.Q.R.A.
- Co-Chairman of the Nature Assets Working Group. First meeting was held on June 11, 2019. Discussion on agriculture, marine, seafood, and proposals that are going to come forth. The N.A.W.G. was asked to write a preliminary report to update the NYS Governor's office on Long Island's agriculture and tourism which could be categorized as heritage industries. In addition to look into what funding may be available to these industries.
- Old Business:
2018/2019/2020 Suffolk County Operating Budget – 2020 Revenue Estimate

- Motion made by Legislator A. Krupski to approve or extend the 2017 NYSDEC WQIP Grant Award – Southold Storm Water Remediation (S. Harbor Road, Southold); seconded by P. Schmitt; none opposed; motion carried.

New Business:

- Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to approve the grant extension of the NYSSWCC AgNps Rd. 21 – Fuel Tank Replacement Grant; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.
- 2019 Farm Tire Recycling – request for an additional \$11,568; tabled and to be discussed at July 18, 2019 board meeting.
- Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to approve the committee consisting of three board members (Legislator A. Krupski as the Chairman, P. Schmitt and B. Culhane) to perform the SWCD 2019 Audit; seconded by R. Carpenter; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by P. Schmitt to approve the SWCD hiring committee/interviews for Soil District Technician to be conducted by R. Carpenter, Legislator A. Krupski and C. Humphrey; seconded by Legislator R. Calarco; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by A. Krupski to reschedule the July 11, 2019 Board Meeting to July 18, 2019 due to board scheduling conflicts; seconded by P. Schmitt; none opposed; motion carried.
- Motion made by P. Schmitt to cancel the August 8, 2019 board meeting; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.

Executive Session:

- 5:37 p.m. entered into executive session.
- Motion made by P. Schmitt to go into executive session for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; seconded by Legislator A. Krupski; none opposed; motion carried.
- 6:05 p.m. adjourned from executive session and no action taken.
- Motion made by Legislator R. Calarco to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.; seconded by P. Schmitt; none opposed; motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by _____
 Susan L. Odell-Pepe
 Principal Account Clerk
 Suffolk County Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: _____

Approved by _____
 Rob Carpenter – Board of Director - Chairman
 Suffolk County Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: _____